

A republican county convention in Illinois has resolved "that we do not desire a president whose mouth, like that of the Mississippi river, is always open."

Near-sighted invalid lady—"Patrick, can you read the name on the shop just opposite for me?"

Patrick—"Sure, Miss, it's Lazarus & Morris' Spectacles."

The Newark "steam man," about which so much noise has been made, is denounced by those who know him best as an unmitigated humbug. He can neither walk nor stand alone.

The general impression produced by the recent horse dinner in London seems to have been much like that left on the Yankee after he had won a bet that he would dine on crow. "Waal, stranger, I ken eat crow, but darn me if I hanker after it."

There was a man in Washington. And he was wondrous wise; He pitched upon "my policy"; And scratched out all his T's, And when he found his T's were out, With all his might and main,

He pitched into Edwin M. Stanton, and scratched himself worse than ever.

WHERE ARE THE SCHOOLMATES?—The Manchester (N. H.) Daily Union voices for the following warning note, which it says was copied literally from one posted upon a tree by the road side in North Weare:

"Aw! persons are forbid To pick berries or plums off this tree, p. s. Nor blubbers."

GOOD PREACHING.—The two discourses delivered by Rev. Mr. Goodrich of Burlington, from Rev. Mr. Torrey's desk last Sabbath, were efforts of rare ability, betraying deep research, thorough religious scholarship, and a power of reasoning and force of appeal not rarely met with.—*Vergennes, Vermont.*

The New York Post notes a curious fact that the demand for children for adoption is in advance of the supply in that city. The number of foundlings received by the police last year was 170, but these did not supply the demand. The number of persons without children of their own, who wish to have a child to bring up, is large and increasing—Girls are preferred to boys and even crippled children are not refused.

THE UNASKED GOOD.—The prater which Socrates taught his disciple Alcibiades deserves a place in the daily devotions of every Christian. "That he should beseech the Supreme God, to give him what was good for him though he should not ask it, and to withhold nothing from him whatever would be hurtful, though he should be so foolish as to pray for it."

An Englishman, having heard a great deal about the Yankee propensity of "bragging," thought he would make an experiment in that art himself. He walked up to a market woman's stand, and, pointing to some large watermelons, said:

"What? don't you raise any bigger apples than these in America?" "Apples?" said the woman disdainfully. "Anybody might know you was an Englishman. Them's huckleberries."

The Watchman and Refector tells the following story and vouches for its truth:

A member of one of our prominent publishing houses, a true republican made a wager with a New Hampshire publisher, a democrat, that Harriman would be elected governor. When the result was made known, our Bostonian telegraphed to his country cousin, "Has there been an election in your State?" The reply came, "There has; money vs. justice. The wine is yours." To this was sent the answer, "Next time stick to justice!"

A quarrel has broken out among the democrats of New Hampshire, who do not take their late laurels very easily. Prominent democratic politicians charge one another with cheating, stealing and all manner of corruption and deception. Mr. Butterfield, Secretary of the State Committee, has written a letter resigning his post, and charging the party's defeat to "Democratic villainy, democratic money and railroad influence, wielded by so-called democrats." This shows demoralization in that party, and augurs well for another republican victory in November.

The "Rev." C. Chauncey Barr, editor of the Old Guard, appears to advocate that magazine the assassination of the radical members of Congress as the readiest way of solving the problem of reconstruction. "A hundred men," he says, "of the pluck and patriotism of Wilkes Booth, at the start of these terrible despots, would have saved our country." &c. But it is not yet too late, if the democratic party have "the sagacity and pluck to call upon the people to arm and muster for the salvation of the country."

God never meant his church to be an asylum for indolence and selfishness—a chapel of ease, where formal professors may sleep in quiet and lazily dream about their homes and privileges. It is not a receiving vault, in which the corpse of dead religion may be decently laid away, and never be heard of any more. Nor is it a pleasure ground, whose trees are grown merely for ornament; but a garden, a vineyard, where every plant is expected to bear fruit, and is only a cumberer of the ground if it do not.

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